

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

11:30 AM

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT 541 NORTH FAIRBANKS COURT,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611
8TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner Tim King

Commissioner David A. Helfand

Vice President Avis LaVelle

President Jesse Ruiz

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A (3) of the Code of the Chicago Park District PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. in the 8th Floor Board Room of the Administration Building at 541 N. Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
General Business
Approval of the Minutes
People in the Parks
Acknowledging Excellence
Presentation from the Departments
Communications and Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

By order of President Jesse Ruiz

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Jesse Ruiz
President

Kantrice Ogletree
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

- 5 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Commissioner Tim King, Vice President Avis LaVelle, President Jesse Ruiz and Commissioner David A. Helfand
- 1 - Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

Roll Call

A roll call was taken and the following Commissioners was found to be in attendance:

- 5 - Commissioner Donald Edwards, Commissioner Tim King, Vice President Avis LaVelle, President Jesse Ruiz and Commissioner David A. Helfand
- 1 - Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

[18-3003-041](#)

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CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF RECEIPTS WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

This was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

[18-3004-041](#)

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF THE RECEIPTS BY COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTY CLERKS ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATES OF ANNUAL ABATEMENT

This was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

[18-3005-041](#)

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2018

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that this be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

Bob Zeigler was called to speak

Michael Samm was called to speak

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Omari Jinaki was called to speak

Kurt Gowan was called to speak

Dennis O'Neill was called to speak

Bob O'Neill was called to speak

Zenon Kurdziel was called to speak

Elaine Sobol was called to speak

Alderman O'Connor was called to speak

Roman Sanders was called to speak

Rich Alpack was called to speak

Ariana Friedl was called to speak

Gary Ossewarde was called to speak

Bill Daniels was called to speak

Al DuBonnett was called to speak

Louise McCurry was called to speak

Pat Harper was called to speak

Anne Holcolmb was called to speak

Margaret Schmid was called to speak

Walter Kindred was called to speak

Sharon Lewis was called to speak

Elliot El Amin was called to speak

Frederick Bates was called to speak

Juanita Izzerary was called to speak

Audrey Fischer was called to speak

Voytek Putz was called to speak

Debra Sydok was called to speak

Ellen Isaacson was called to speak

Heather Breems was called to speak

Junita M. Nicholas was called to speak

George Blakemore was called to speak

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

Grant Park Speakers

Bob Ziegler

Michael Samm

Jett Robinson

Omari Jinaki-gave handout

Kurt Gowen

Dennis O'Neill

Bob O'Neill

Zenon Kurdziel

Elaine Soble

Floor Yielded to Alderman O'Connor

Roman Sanders

Rich Alapack

Ariana Friedl

Gary Ossewarde

Bill Daniels

Erika Shavers NP

Al Debonnet

Louise McCurry-Handout

Pat Harper

Anne Holcomb-Handout

Margaret Schmid

Brenda Nelms-Not speaking today

Walter Kindred

Sharon Lewis

Elliot El-Amin

Frederick Bates-Friends of the Park

Juanita Irizarry-Friends of the Parks

Cece Edwards

Audrey Fischer

Voytek Putz

Debra Sydoc

Ellen Isaacson-Handout

Heather Breems

Junita Nichols

George Blakemore

18-3011-041 Public Comments April 11, 2018

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This Public Comments was heard

4. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE

There was nothing to present.

5. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:

[18-3006-041](#)

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SOUTH LAKEFRONT FRAMEWORK PLAN UPDATE

Alderman Leslie Hairston was called to speak

Heather Gleason, irector of Planning and COnstruction addressed the Commissioners. Alderman Leslie Hairston addressed the Commissioners.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was nothing to present.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

18-3007-041

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REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY RENAME GREEN BRIAR PARK IN HONOR OF ED KELLY

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that the Item be deferred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Ruiz and Helfand

[18-2980-031](#)

[3](#)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH REINDERS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPE MOWERS SPECIFICATION P-17012

Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources addressed teh Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner King, that the Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Edwards, King, Ruiz and Helfand

Excused: 1 - LaVelle

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

8. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Ruiz and Helfand

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

[18-3002-041](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF
DANIEL JULIAN FIORENTINO V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, NO.
2014 L 1782**

This Action Item was Discussion Only

9. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that the meeting return to Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Edwards, King, LaVelle, Ruiz and Helfand

Absent: 1 - Koldyke

Report on Closed Session Discussion

[18-3002-041](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF
DANIEL JULIAN FIORENTINO V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, NO.
2014 L 1782**

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, that the settlement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Edwards, King, LaVelle and Ruiz

Absent: 2 - Koldyke and Helfand

18-3030- Discussion of Employment Matters. No further action was taken.

18-3031- Discussion of litigation issues. No further action was taken.

10. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Vice President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner King, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Edwards, King, LaVelle and Ruiz

Absent: 2 - Koldyke and Helfand